13 August 1965

Mr. Clarke,

- 1. Reference our conversation of yesterday afternoon, I will outline briefly below how the Long Range Planning project appears to be developing as of 12 August 1965.
- 2. The report to the DCI will be almost totally narrative -- only lump-sum directorate budget figures will be given for 1966-1970.
 - 3. The report may be organized as follows:
 - a. Discussion of the Agency's future with respect to mission and authority;
 - b. Assumptions concerning the future world situation;
 - c. Brief discussion of Agency activities -- i.e., production, collection and covert action; pointing out that the basic organization and function will continue with gradual increase in costs and manpower; and
 - d. Discussion of subjects which require special emphasis in the future -- e.g., ADP, R&D, training, early warning, systems analysis, etc.
- 4. It appears that guidance as to specific programs and resource requirements, even for the subjects in 3.d. above, will not be included. Rather, the report will point out the areas of prime concern with some general guidance as to the future direction which should be taken.
- 5. As you know, the exercise is backed up by large amounts of detailed data prepared by the directorates. However, these submissions do not necessarily back up the thrust of subjects to be covered under para. 3.d. above.

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